

## A GREAT MARKET

ENGLAND WILL BUY 3,000 MORE MULES HERE.

WHITE MULES ARE IN DEMAND

ARE "STRONGER MINDED" AND BETTER LEADERS.

White and Gray Animals Are Specially Prized, and a Big White Mare Mule is a Combination That Draws the Premium From Buyers.

Western mule raisers are looking toward Kansas City as a great market. Western mules have made such a record for themselves in South Africa that the English government has ordered buyers to come to Kansas City and lay in their supplies. Major Smith, who is now at New Orleans, with Captain S. M. Smith will be in Kansas City, December 1, to buy 3,000 mules, and local dealers are negotiating for the stock to supply the demand. It is announced that the next shipment of mules will complete the requirements of the African campaign.

It was stated by a dealer yesterday that Kansas City had furnished more mules to the different armies of the world than any other place, and when the order soon to be filled is taken into consideration it gives Kansas City a wide margin.

A peculiar feature of the mule purchases for service in the South African campaign is the fact that the buyers insist on securing as many white or gray animals as possible. This is not because the Boer women are inclined toward auburn locks, but on account of the additional value placed upon light colored mules in making up pack trains and also because white mules are what might be termed "stronger minded" than their fellows.

A representative of a foreign government who is in the city told a reporter for The Journal some interesting things about the animals yesterday, in which the color of the animals was dwelt upon. He said: "People are inclined to laugh when we say that we want only white or gray mules for war service, but it is a fact, nevertheless. In transporting ammunition and supplies to the front the English government uses mule pack trains. Very often this packing is done at night, and it is well known fact that white mules will follow each other better than darker colored ones."

In traveling over mountains we never follow mules together, but allow them to follow one another, which they will do provided they have a natural born leader at the head of the procession. By a natural born leader I mean a "strong minded" one that they can rely on to lead them right. White mules are more courageous than dark ones and can stand more hardships. White mules can go longer without food or water than their grayer fellows. Why this is so I don't know, unless white mules represent a strain of blood that is superior to others, just as the Anglo-Saxon is superior to the dark-skinned natives of the tropics. If you put a bell on a white Missouri mule his fellow kind any place in the world will follow him without a protest.

**Females in Demand.**  
"Another thing that strikes the average person as curious is that we demand as many mare mules for export as we can get, the more the better. They can undergo greater hardships in the tropics than a male, and so far as health goes, a mare and work where a male will lie down and die. They are bringing a premium in this market just now, and it is because of the foreign demand for such mules. She is superior to the dark-skinned and exercise her temper just as much in the wilds of a foreign land as she does in the quiet Missouri pasture. The army and all that could be asked for in the entire family is a big, white mare mule. This is a commodity hard to beat. A close study of the mule just known to the telegraphing knowledge, acquired in some cases at considerable hazard. But when one learns to understand a mule, he will find the unfortunate hybrid to possess many excellent qualities. The present demand for mules for war service has added to the inherent dignity to the species. I have the greatest respect for the mule on general principles."

**Fought Over a Body.**  
Jas Johnson and Mattie Smith were before the police court yesterday on charges of disorderly conduct. Both had been friends of J. Stewarts, who died Monday morning in "Tin Can" alley. Both happened to arrive at the same time, and a quarrel ensued. One armed himself with a rolling pin and the other with a razor. During the struggle, in which neither was seriously hurt, Police Officer T. J. Kennedy appeared on the scene and arrested both.

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12 m.	52	6 p. m.	62
1 p. m.	52	7 p. m.	62
2 p. m.	52		

Maximum, 66. minimum, 52.